

# Clearing and Grading Code NPDES and Conformance Updates City Council Study Session

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# Tonight's Topics

1. Why we are here
2. NPDES Consistency Updates
3. Housekeeping and Conformance Amendments

# Why we are here

- NPDES Permit—Federal Clean Water Act
- NPDES Permit authorizes discharge of stormwater runoff into waters of the state
- NPDES Permit revised in August 2013—Bellevue must amend its codes by December 31, 2016—for new and redevelopment projects only
- Housekeeping and conformance amendments

# NPDES Consistency Updates

- Non-discretionary
- Alignment of definitions and terms with the NPDES Permit and the Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington (SWMMWW)
- Primarily related to erosion and sedimentation control (LID Principles Project)

# Housekeeping and Conformance

- Discretionary, but necessary for effective implementation of mandatory requirements
- Consistency with other sections of the Clearing and Grading Code and other BCC provisions
- Efficient and predictable review for project applicants
- Housekeeping items

# Conformance Updates Examples

- Excavation (23.76.030) includes removal of soil, peat, or concrete
- When a permit is required (23.76.035): Construction or reconstruction of rockeries; clearing of over 1,000 sf within a 1-year period; removal of 5 significant trees within any 3-year period
- Abatement security (23.76.140) for clearing of more than 250 cy

# Questions?